

EC-4186. A communication from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, a copy of the Board's Annual Report for FY 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4187. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to grants streamlining and standardization; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4188. A communication from the Secretary/Chief Administrative Officer, Postal Rate Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Commissioner, Postal Rate Commission, received on September 8, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4189. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Awards and Subawards" received on September 9, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4190. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, a budget request for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4191. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a designation of acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, received on September 8, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4192. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of Deputy Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, received on September 8, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4193. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a designation of acting officer for the position of Deputy Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, received on September 8, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4194. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Olestra" (Doc. No. 2000F-0792) received on September 8, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4195. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a report relative to the evaluation of the Medicare Subvention Demonstration Project for Military Retirees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4196. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled Accounting for VA and DoD Expenditures for Medicare Beneficiaries"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4197. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a report relative to promoting the use of information technology in health care to increase patient safety, reduce medical errors, and increase efficiency; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4198. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a recommendation for the applicable percentage increase in Medicare's hospital inpatient prospective payment system rates for fiscal year 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4199. A communication from the Associate Special Counsel for Legal Counsel and Policy, Office of Special Counsel, transmitting, the report of a vacancy, designation of acting officer, and nomination for the position of Special Counsel, received on September 9, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4200. A communication from the Legal Counsel, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of General Counsel, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, received on September 8, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4201. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a request of the concurrence of the Office of Management and Budget to consolidate the Attorney General's Semiannual Report to Congress with the DOJ's Annual Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4202. A communication from the Commissioner, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, a copy of the Statement of Policy Regarding Deposition Transcripts in Nonpublic Investigations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-4203. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2003 through 2008; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina:

S. 1607. A bill to establish a Federal program to provide reinsurance to improve the availability of homeowners' insurance; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1608. A bill to increase the penalties for terrorism against mass transportation and railroads and provide law enforcement with the tools to combat and prevent attacks on mass transportation and railroads; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1609. A bill to make aliens ineligible to receive visas and exclude aliens from admission into the United States for nonpayment of child support; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1610. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure the adequate funding of pension plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 1611. A bill to provide for the establishment of a commission to conduct a study concerning the overtime regulations of the Department of Labor; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1612. A bill to establish a technology, equipment, and information transfer within the Department of Homeland Security; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. REID, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. DASCHLE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1613. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a United States independent film and wage production credit; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. REID, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MILLER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TALENT, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 224. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the second anniversary of the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina):

S. Con. Res. 67. A concurrent resolution expressing the need for enhanced public awareness of traumatic brain injury and supporting the designation of a National Brain Injury Awareness Month; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

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At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S.